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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: MTN: TROPICAL PRODUCTS

1. INTERAGENCY TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP MET ON JULY 9 TO DISCUSS DIRECTION OF FURTHER WORK IN PREPARATION FOR INTENSIVE BILATERAL CONSULTATION PHASE OF TROPICAL PRODUCT NEGOTIATIONS. GROUP REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING ON FURTHER WORK.

2. AFTER FINAL REQUEST LIST RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, STR AND ITC BELIEVE THEY CAN HAVE INITIAL ANALYSIS FROM
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THE COMPUTER WITHIN FOUR WEEKS. ITC WILL PREPARE A

MEMO ON PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR EX-OUTS. GENERAL
CONSENSUS OF GROUP WAS THAT EX-OUTS MAY OFFER
POSSIBILITY FOR MEETING CERTAIN LDC REQUESTS. USDA
AND COMMERCE WILL IDENTIFY EACH PRODUCT ON REQUEST
LIST FOR THE RELEVANT ATAC AND ISAC. DECISIONS WILL BE
MADE IN THE FALL CONCERNING SPECIFIC METHODS FOR
CONSULTING WITH PRIVATE VNUSTRY. USDA AND COMMERCE
WILL CONTINUE GENERAL WORK IN IDENTIFYING FROM OVERALL
ISARS AND ATARS CONCESSIONS OF INTEREST TO US INDUSTRY
WHICH MAY BE SOUGHT FROM LDCS. STR WILL UNDERTAKE
WORK ON RELATING LDC REQUESTS TO ITC AND TPSC ADVICE.
STATE DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW LDCS REQUESTS TO ALL
COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR ASSURING BURDEN SHARING

AMONG DCS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MTN DEL GENEVA COULD
LET US KNOW WHEN LAST SIGNIFICANT REQUEST LIST IS
RECEIVED SO WE CAN BEGIN OUR COMPUTER EXERCISE.
REQUEST YOU SEND TO STATE DEPARTMENT, EB/OT/GCP,
COPIES OF CONSOLIDATED REQUEST LISTS TO ALL DCS
PROVIDED BY GATT SECRETARIAT, E.G., INDIA'S REQUEST
TO ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. GROUP ALSO REQUESTS
REPORTS OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT AT THIS TIME CONSULTATIONS CAN ONLY SERVE
TO CLARIFY AND PINPOINT LDC REQUESTS. ALTHOUGH WE

HOPE TO HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS
COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER, MORE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE
MUST AWAIT COMPLETION OF DOMESTIC CONSULTATIONS
PROCEDURE AND ANALYSIS OF ITC AND TPSC REPORTS. INGERSOLL

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